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WATER RESOURCES
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SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken on soil and water management for food production without harming environment as emphasized by the Hon'ble Prime Minister during the 88th Indian Science Congress in New Delhi in January, 2001; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Ministry of Agriculture has been implementing various resource conservation programmes and schemes to promote efficient utilization of water, land, nutrients and pesticides etc. for sustainable food production in the country. Some major programmes and schemes are: National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, Soil Conservation for Enhancing Productivity of Degraded Lands in the Catchments of River Valley Projects and Flood Prone Rivers, Reclamation of Alkali Soils, Watershed Development Project in Shifting Cultivation Areas,Various Crop Production Schemes, National Project on Developmentand Use of Biofertilizers, Promotion of Integrated Pest Management,National Projecton Organic Farming, Promotion of zero tillage,Promotion of drip and sprinkler irrigation under the scheme Development of Horticulture through Plasti-culture Intervention.